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## Rains Boost Soybean Yield

During the month of August, tropical storms provided much needed rain to most areas within Maryland and Delaware. The rain however, arrived too late to help most of the corn crop. Heavy winds also damaged some of the corn crop further. Despite the dry months of June and July, the majority of the Maryland corn crop is reported in good to excellent condition in Maryland and mostly poor to fair condition in Delaware. Soybeans continue to mature ahead of the 5 year average and appear to be improving yield prospects as a result of recent rains. Soybean crop conditions are reported mostly good across both States.

**Maryland:** Maryland farmers project a yield of 115 bushels per acre for the 2012 corn crop, up 5 bushels from last month. If realized, this will result in total production of 46.9 million bushels of corn from the 425,000 acres expected to be harvested for grain. Farmers also expect to harvest 475,000 acres of soybeans at an average yield of 42 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from the August 1<sup>st</sup> yield forecast. If realized, a total of 20.0 million bushels of soybeans are expected to be produced in Maryland in 2012.

**Delaware:** Delaware farmers report that they expect corn fields to produce an average 115 bushels per acre in 2012, up 10 bushels per acre from last month. With 187,000 acres expected to be harvested, total corn production is estimated at 21.5 million bushels. Soybeans are expected to yield 37 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from the August 1<sup>st</sup> forecast. Soybeans are expected to be harvested from 178,000 acres, for a total production of 6.6 million bushels.

**United States:** Corn production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the August forecast and down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the United States since 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 122.8 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the August forecast and 24.4 bushels below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 2 percent from August and down 14 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 35.3 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month and down 6.2 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are lower or unchanged across the Great Plains and most of the Corn Belt as lingering drought conditions continued to hamper yield expectations.

**ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2011 AND 2012**

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Maryland									
		-----1,000 Acres -----						-----1,000-----	
Corn	AC	500	490	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	430	425	109	115	46,870	48,875
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	13	----	780	----
Soybeans	BU	470	480	465	475	38.5	42	17,903	19,950
Wheat, Winter	BU	260	295	190	210	66	65	12,540	13,650
Barley	BU	50	58	36	46	80	77	2,880	3,542
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	40,000	40,500
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.9	3.9
Delaware									
Corn	AC	190	195	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	182	187	130	115	23,660	21,505
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	6	----	14	----	84	----
Soybeans	BU	170	180	168	178	39	37	6,552	6,586
United States		1,000,000							
Corn	AC	91,921	96,405	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	83,981	87,361	147.2	122.8	12,358	10,727
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	5,928	----	18.4	----	109	----
Soybeans	BU	74,976	76,080	73,636	74,635	41.5	35.3	3,056	2,634
Wheat, Winter	BU	40,646	41,819	32,314	35,023	46.2	48.0	1,494	1,683
Barley	BU	2,559	3,678	2,239	3,268	69.6	67.6	156	221
All Hay	TON	----	----	55,633	57,574	2.36	2.08	131	120
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	19,213	18,812	3.40	2.92	65	55
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	36,420	38,762	1.81	1.69	66	65
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9.4	8.1
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.07	1.02
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	48.2	48.4	46.0	47.5	279	289	13.0	16.3